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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. of: Kroninger, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/729,882

Filed: December 5, 2003

For: METHOD OF PROCESSING A
WORKPIECE, AND A WORK CARRIER,
IN PARTICULAR OF POROUS CERAMIC

Docket No: 10808/116

Examiner: Mark A. Osele

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT (37 CFR 1.121)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121) dated May 11, 2009, Applicant includes the proper signature format in accordance with 37 CFR 1.4.

In response to the Office Action of February 24, 2009 in the above-referenced application, please reconsider the rejection in view of the amendment and remarks presented herein.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning at page 2 of this paper.

Applicants' remarks begin at page 7 of this paper.